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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1059
By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Latica Ivkovic, Croatian student at Loretto High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom and in our world today; and

WHEREAS, Latica Ivkovic is one such exceptional student who recently completed her Senior year at Loretto High School; and

WHEREAS, a native of Croatia, she grew up during the war that was fought between the Serbs and the Croats from 1991-1995; during those years, she matured into a fine young woman with unsurpassed character and integrity; and

WHEREAS, compelled by her interest in cultural and international issues, she attended the Language Grammar High School in her hometown of Zagreb, where she discovered language skills and refined her interests; and

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WHEREAS, presented with the opportunity to learn about a different culture and its customs while improving her English, she decided to spend her Senior year abroad, and she came to live with the James Leighton family in Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, enrolling at Loretto High School, she gained a valuable perspective of American culture while blessing her classmates and friends with a singular opportunity to learn about Croatia and global society; and

WHEREAS, as her May 28 departure for Europe draws near, Ms. Ivkovic plans to further her studies at a Zagreb college, focusing on Languages, Political Science, Ethics, Sociology, and Psychology in hopes of one day becoming a Teacher or Translator; and

WHEREAS, she leaves behind a legacy of international friendship; many lives have been forever enriched by her stay in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, determination, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Ivkovic has achieved outstanding success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our world; and

WHEREAS, Latica Ivkovic's display of cultural aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success and that of our global society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ivkovic's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dragutin and Ljiljana Ivkovic of Croatia; her sisters, Martina of Lisbon, Portugal, Andrea of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; her school; and both her American and Croatian communities; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Latica Ivkovic for her impressive achievements and her dedication to the advancement of global society and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.